

The Examiner also required an election of species with respect to the following techniques for analyzing the assay sample: (A) detecting eosinophil shape change using flow cytometry as in claims 4 and 19; (B) detecting adhesion molecule up-regulation using staining and flow cytometry as in claims 5, 6, and 19; (C) monitoring levels of intracellular free calcium by measuring changes in fluorescence using flow cytometry as in claims 7-9 and 19; and (D) observing cytoskeletal changes with a fluorescent dye using a fluorescent microscope as in claims 10, 11, and 19. Applicant hereby elects species (A), detecting eosinophil shape change using flow cytometry. Claims 1-4 and 12-24 read on the elected species. This election is with traverse, as it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to expand consideration to all of the species, insofar as the international search and IPRP have already been based on the full scope of the original claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests prompt action on the merits of the elected claims of Group I and Species A as well as the full scope of the non-elected groups and the remaining species.

Respectfully submitted,

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